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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau-December 1982

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## I. GENERAL

In contrast to December 1981 when a number of anti-government conspirators were arrested in Bahrain for planning the overthrow of the government, December 1982 passed quietly without incident. National day activities at mid-month were low-key, highlighted only by ribbon-cutting ceremonies involving members of the royal family.

Taking advantage of this relaxed atmosphere, bureau staffers and their families attended a roof-top B-B-Q and enjoyed the annual fireworks display from our penthouse vantage point.

Our local-hire Farsi monitor [ ] returned to duty part time to help us out during annual leave by members of the Persian section during the month. She will remain with us for the next few months until a recently recruited Farsi monitor enters on duty.

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[ ] the BBC visited the bureau on 8 December while in Bahrain on other business. He was given a briefing on the bureau's history and growth, and how we are striving to mesh our coverage with that of the BBC where there are overlapping responsibilities. He was given a tour of the island and entertained at dinner by the bureau chief.

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## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Editorial/Monitorial

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while the BBC reacquired the service, the bureau increased its coverage of Saudi media, processing live the early morning Riyadh newscasts when no BBC monitors are on duty. At the same time the bureau continued its active backstop role, processing over half of the main Riyadh newscasts during the month because of continuing poor BBC reception in the UK.

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2. Among the major news stories of the month was the Iranian national elections. The bureau produced early and extensive voting results on the elections from its regional coverage in addition to its early morning Tehran bulletins.

3. A powerful earthquake in the YAR's Dhamar province caused widespread destruction and heavy loss of life. The bureau produced heavy reportage on the disaster, maintaining an open watch on San'a' radio to process the latest details and to keep interested consumers such as the BBC news bureau fully informed.

4. In an effort to expand coverage of Russian regional domestic broadcasts the bureau undertook an extensive cruising survey of Tashkent, Ashkhabad, Dushanbe, Baku, Yerevan, Frunze and Tbilisi radios. The results look promising and the bureau will be able to add additional Russian domestic broadcasts to its coverage. Separate messages have been filed on the new programming added.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Buildings and Grounds.

Several interior refinements were added to the bureau during the month. Long-awaited furniture parts were received from headquarters and we were able to complete installation of bookcases, newspaper racks and so forth in our reference library. In addition, new equipment racks have been installed in our press intercept/TV booth enabling us to place more equipment on line for peak periods. Our shop was installed with long-needed equipment storage shelves, and additional copy racks and press scrutiny tables are now in the fabrication stage.

### IV. VISITS

A.  the BBC to the bureau on 8 December.

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GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH :	335,550
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH :	105,550
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH :	826

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,520 mins.	9,030 mins.	192.23 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)AFGHANISTAN

Kabul in English to South Asia	150
Kabul International Service in Arabic	0
Kabul International Service in Baluchi	0

BAHRAIN

Manama Domestic Service in Arabic	0	
Manama Domestic Service in English	0	
Manama Domestic Television Service in Arabic	1,210	
Manama WAKH in Arabic		23,450
Manama WAKH in English		0
Manama AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ in Arabic		1,220
Manama AL-ADWA' in Arabic		270

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English			2,210
Manama GULF MIRROR in English			0
Manama SADA AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Manama AL-MAWAQIF in Arabic			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Azeri to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	8,550
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran	3,380
(Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian	440
(Clandestine) Ahvaz Voice of Al-Qadisiyah in Arabic	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution in Arabic	0
(Clandestine) Seda-ye Iran Radio in Persian	1,320

FRANCE

Paris ARA in Persian	0
Paris IRAN VA JAHAN in Persian	0
Paris QIAM-E IRAN in Persian	0

IRAN

Tehran International Service in Arabic	14,670
Tehran International Service in Russian	220
Tehran International Service in Turkish	6,500
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	10,770
Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian	0
Tehran International Service in Pashto	0
Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic	0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian	2,000		
Esfahan Domestic Service in Persian	1,410		
Mashhad Domestic Service in Persian	2,820		
Mashhad International Service in Dari	280		
Mashhad International Service in Baluchi	0		
Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian	1,020		
Bandar 'Abbas Domestic Service in Persian	0		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Sari Domestic Service in Arabic	710		
Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian	530		
Zahedan Domestic Service in Persian	2,280		
Zahedan International Service in Baluchi	0		
Tehran IRNA in English		16,800	
Tehran IRNA in Arabic		0	
Tehran JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI in Persian			1,210
Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian			3,230
Tehran KEYHAN in Persian			3,480
Tehran ASH-SHAHID in Arabic			2,470

IRAQ

Baghdad International Service in Azeri	4,680
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	620

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>KUWAIT</u>			
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			3,660
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			1,860
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			3,510
Kuwait AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			3,480
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			6,080
Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic			4,460
Kuwait AL-HADAF in Arabic			0
<u>LEBANON</u>			
Beirut AZTAG in Armenian			1,550
<u>OMAN</u>			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	3,340		
Salalah Domestic Service in Arabic	520		
Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Peshawar Domestic Service in Urdu	160		
Karachi DAWN in English			17,080
Karachi JANG in Urdu			1,210
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			3,430
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			1,670
Karachi NAWA-E-WAQT in Urdu			780
Lahore NAWA-E-WAQT in Urdu			2,400
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			7,460
Lahore JANG in Urdu			1,150

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	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>QATAR</u>			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	3,240		
Doha QNA in Arabic		15,000	
Doha AR-RAYAH in Arabic			1,670
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>			
Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic	18,180		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in Arabic	200		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in English	0		
Jidda Domestic Service in Arabic	5,140		
Ad-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			440
Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic			210
Jidda AL-MADINAH in Arabic			5,360
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	2,960		
Baku International Service in Azeri	3,710		
Baku International Service in Persian	0		
Tashkent International Service in Uzbek	8,890		
Yerevan International Service in Armenian	1,880		
Ashkabad International Service in Persian	0		
Dushanbe International Service in Persian	0		
Tashkent International Service in Uighur	0		
Ashkabad Domestic Service in Russian	3,130		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Baku Domestic Service in Russian	0		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Russian	1,710		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	560		
Yerevan Domestic Service in Armenian	0		
Dushanbe Domestic Service in Russian	2,540		
Yerevan SOVETAKAN AYASTAN in Armenian			7,190
<u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	4,730		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		8,510	
Abu Dhabi AL-FAJR in Arabic			0
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			410
Ash-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			1,910
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			0
Dubayy KHALEEJ TIMES in English			4,320
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London VOICE OF IRAN in English			3,880
London ASGHAR AQA in Persian			0
<u>PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY)</u>			
Aden Domestic Service in Arabic	23,690		
Aden Voice of Palestine in Arabic	5,060		
Aden ANA in Arabic		1,460	
<u>YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)</u>			
San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic	15,780		
San'a' Voice of Palestine in Arabic	2,090		



Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT--GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 82

Equipment received : Teleprinter, Arabic: Siemens Model  
T1000. Sn 250914, 250915.  
Diesel Generator, Robin Model RDG551,  
portable.

Equipment transferred : None

Projects : 1. Completed installation of bookcases,  
newspaper racks and shelves in reference  
library.

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3. Completed fabrication and installation  
of equipment storage shelves in the shop.

4. Completed installation of new antenna  
matrix switches at each monitorial position.